

Application No. 09/921,555

Reply to Notice of Allowance of September 20, 2004

Remarks

Claims 1-6 and 12-25 are currently allowed in the application; Claims 4 and 12 having been presently amended.

Specifically, Claims 4 and 12 have been amended in a non-narrowing manner to remedy potential informalities.

Applicants respectfully request that the above-amendment be entered by a Supervisory Patent Examiner on recommendation of a Primary Examiner without withdrawal of the application from issue, in accordance with MPEP § 714.16.

Customer Number

22850

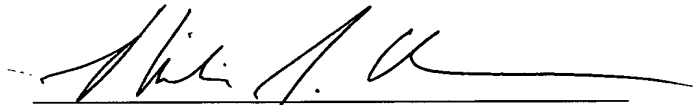
Tel: (703) 413-3000

Fax: (703) 413 -2220

(OSMMN 06/04)

Respectfully submitted,

OBLON, SPIVAK, McCLELLAND,
MAIER & NEUSTADT, P.C.



Gregory J. Maier
Registration No. 25,599
Attorney of Record

Philip J. Hoffmann
Registration No. 46,340

GJM/PH/me

I:\ATTY\PH\21S\212284\AM AFTER ALLOW 10192004.DOC